



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 17, 2007**

**DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Chair Jordan, Daniel Hochman, Bruce Klobucher, Lee Moldaver, Jeff Phillips, Daniel Wilson, George Weber

Liaison members present: Councilmember Falcone, Planning Commissioner Jostes, Park and Recreation Commissioner Longstreet

Liaison members absent: County Project Clean Water Liaison Almy

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Jill E. Zachary, Creeks Water Resources Specialist Autumn McKee, Creeks Restoration Planner, George Johnson

**Mr. Jostes arrived at 5:35**

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Mr. Hochman elected as vice chair with 4 votes out of 7.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee members Jordan/Hochman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2006.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Jordan attended the last IRWMP meeting in January. This will culminate in a June, 2007 solicitation to the state for bond money. The next meetings will be held at the County Buildings off Calle Real on April 23, 24, one day for northern county and one for southern (exact day for each TBD).

Mr. Hochman announced that he would be leaving the meeting early and also that the Greater Santa Barbara Lodging Association has changed its name and is now the Greater Santa Barbara Lodging and Restaurant Association.

Ms. Zachary announced that the Arroyo Burro and Mesa Creek Ribbon cutting ceremony was held January 17, 2007 with approximately 100 attendees.

Councilmember Falcone acknowledged Ms. Zachary and George Johnson for their work.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **8. a Subject: Upper State Street Study**

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Committee receive a presentation on the creek-related public comments on the Upper State Street Study and provide comments to the Planning Division.

#### **Documents:**

January 10, 2007, Community Development Department Staff Report  
January 10, 2007, Summary of Public Comments about Creeks  
June 16, 2006, Community Development Department Staff Report  
September 2006, Upper State Street Study Area

#### **Speakers:**

Barbara Shelton, Project Planner, Planning Division

#### **Committee Questions:**

The Committee asked questions related to the long-term improvements of the paved flood channel; whether the Planning Division had certain areas they were planning to orient toward the creek; the status of the major pending projects mentioned in the presentation; how the footprint of the project was defined and whether similar studies had been done in the past.

**Public Comment opened at 6:12 p.m.**

Mr. Hernadi addressed the Committee regarding citizen input to the Planning Division.

Mr. Harris addressed the Committee on behalf of the SB Urban Creeks Council and the CPA Watersheds Committee.

**Public comment closed at 6:23p.m.**

**Committee Discussion:**

The Committee discussed the steep channel walls of San Roque Creek and the challenge this presents for making creek connections; the challenges of the technical details involved with making creek connections (i.e. financing, acquisitions conservation easements); the idea of a river walk and the concerns involved; public comment on the State Street Study; the value of urban creeks as a resource; the use of BMPs wherever feasible in the development of Upper State Street; orientation of development toward creeks; and the amount of impermeable surface in the study area and impacts on water quality.

**Mr. Hochman left at 6:38 p.m.**

Committee discussion included whether there are particular sites in the study area where there is potential for a demonstration project; mentioned the area at the confluence of Arroyo Burro and San Roque Creek as a possible site; and ways to turn private areas into public property (i.e. easements).

**Mr. Jostes left at 6:55 p.m.**

Committee discussion included whether there should be a site visit for CAC members unfamiliar with the study area; planning where people can congregate near the creek and enjoy the area; recognition that although the land in the study area being primarily private creates some difficulties, it also represents an opportunity to use innovative ways to create incentives for property owners.

**CHAIR SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Recommendation:**

That the Committee maintain the budget subcommittee, watershed subcommittee and strategic planning subcommittee. It is also recommended that the Committee formalize the water quality working group into a subcommittee.

Documents:

January 10, 2007, Creeks Division Staff Report

Speakers:

Jill Zachary, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager

Commission Discussion:

The committee discussed the Committee's possible role in the updating of the general plan; tasks for the Strategic Planning Subcommittee for the upcoming year; and the development of a core set of guidelines for people to use, as a way to formalize what the committee feels are appropriate types of behavior around creeks. Committee members concurred with the staff recommendation to formalize the water quality working group as a subcommittee

Chair Jordan made the following appointments to the subcommittees.

<b>CAC Subcommittee</b>	<b>Members</b>
Strategic Planning	Hochman, Klobucher, Phillips
Watersheds	Wilson, Phillips, Moldaver
Budget	Hochman, Jordan, Moldaver
Water Quality	Phillips, Weber, Wilson

<b>Other Subcommittees</b>	<b>Members</b>
Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project Design Committee	Wilson; alternate- Klobucher
IPM Advisory Committee	Jordan; alternate- Phillips

**CHANGE MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 14 TO FEBRUARY 21**

The committee determined it would not change the meeting date in February.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jordan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager